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SUBJECT: IRANIAN LEND LEASE DEBT

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER SENT JULY 23 FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TO MINISTER ANSARI REGARDING IRANIAN DEBT ARREARAGES: QUOTE DEAR MR. MINISTER: I HAVE VERY MUCH ENJOYED THE FREQUENT OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS TO DISCUSS SO MANY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS ISSUES OF EVEN BROADER SIGNIFICANCE.

YOU WILL RECALL OUR CONVERSATIONS REGARDING IRAN'S \$36.4 MILLION SURPLUS PROPERTY AND LEND-LEASE DEBTS TO THE UNITED STATES. AS I NOTED IN OUR DISCUSSIONS, THE SUBJECT OF DEBT ARREARAGES IS ATTRACTING INCREASING ATTENTION BOTH IN THE CONGRESS AND WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WE HAVE NOW BEEN ADVISED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEBT OVERSIGHT THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE SUBJECT OF

DELINQUENT INTERNATIONAL DEBT WILL BE HELD IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. WE WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO FOCUS MAJOR ATTENTION ON IRAN'S ARREARAGES.

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER PRIOR TO THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. I HOPE THAT

THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AGREES WITH THIS VIEW IN LIGHT OF OUR CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AND THAT THE DEBT CAN BE SETTLED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. YOUR COOPERATION IS MUCH APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, CHARLES W. ROBINSON.  
UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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